



# NIGERIAN SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION

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## THE RESOLUTION OF THE 43RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION (NSAP) HELD AT FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, OWERRI, IMO STATE, NIGERIA FROM 18<sup>TH</sup> - 22<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

The Nigerian Society for Animal Production (NSAP) held her 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference tagged “Owerri 2018” at the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria. The conference which had the theme “Exploring Science and Technology Innovations for Sustainable Livestock Development” was declared open by the Vice-Chancellor of the University; Prof. F.C. Eze ably represented by Prof. I.C. Ndukwe, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Administration. The conference featured the presentation of Keynote address, scientific papers, posters, exhibitions and side events with participants drawn from government, academia, organized private sector, farmers and traditional rulers. The Society conferred Fellowship on Prof. O. O. Oluwatosin of Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, presented Captains of Industry and Royal Father’s awards as well as a prize to the best student in the penultimate year in the Department of Animal Science and Technology, Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria.

Dignitaries that graced the opening ceremony of the conference included: Members of the Board of Trustees of NSAP; Fellows and Members of NSAP; the President and some Council members of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) and the Traditional Ruler of the host Community. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Raymond O. Isiadinso, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Mid-Century Agro-Allied Ventures Limited, Lagos, Nigeria

### The Conference observed that:

1. There is a low level of utilization of science and technology innovations in the Nigerian Livestock sub sector.
2. The benefits of animal agriculture are not fully maximized due to lack of stakeholder cohesion and interaction.
3. The realities of the conflicts between herdsmen and farmers have now become a national issue

### The Conference therefore resolved that:

1. Science and Technology innovations should be used as veritable tools to transform Nigeria’s natural and human resources into valuable animal-based goods, products, processes and services.
2. There is the need to harness the potentials of young Nigerians through relevant education, capacity building and industry hinged on adoptable and sustainable research and innovations.
3. The current clashes between crop farmers and cattle herdsmen would be best addressed through ranching, improvement, adherence and development of existing grazing reserves and cultivation/conservation of improved forage cultivars.

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